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1. Sighet, which is a district town of the Baia Mare Province, has a population of 28,000 to 30,000, 60 percent of whom are Rumanians and the remainder Hungarians. The town has developed little since World War II and there has therefore been no exceptional growth in the size of the population.

2. Sighet is located at a distance of one kilometer from the Tisa River, which forms the border between Rumania and the USSR; Okna Slatina is the nearest Soviet village to the town.

3. Until 1953, Sighet was a frontier zone and its inhabitants carried identity cards marked with a triangular stamp, across which was written: "Zona De Frontiera" (Frontier Zone). Visitors to the town had to apply for a special permit from their own local militia office and reported to the Sighet militia within a few hours of their arrival. Today the town is freely accessable and no militia identity checks take place either in the railroad station, streets or private homes. A company of Frontier Guard troops, comprising some 150 to 22 men, is stationed in the town.

4. Along the border, a strip of land 200 to 300 meters wide is re-ploughed every evening and on the edge of the strip there is a wooden fence 1.20 to 1.40 meters high. At a distance of some 200 to 250 meters from the fence, strong searchlights, mounted on watch-towers 30 to 40 meters high illuminate the entire area throughout the night-time. In addition to the permanent Frontier Guard observation posts, three-men mobile squads continuously patrol along the border.

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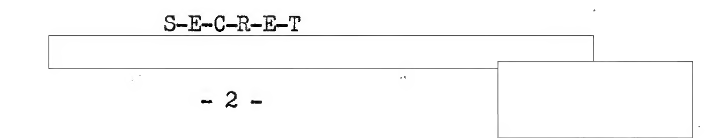
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5. A broad-gauge railway track from Yasinya - Rakhov (USSR) crosses the Rumanian frontier at Valea Viseului, reaching the Bocicoiul Mare railway station and continuing to Sighet and Cimpulung La Tisa, where it crosses back into the USSR. At the Gamara-Sighet and Cimpulung La Tisa railway stations, freight is manhandled from Soviet to Rumanian trains and vice-versa. There are no facilities for changing wheels at Sighet. Timber is the main export from Sighet to the USSR.

6. Following are details of the changes in the town's street names:

Hungarian Name	Present Name
Erzsebet Foter	Piata Unirii
Liceum Ucca	Strada I.V. Stalin
Szilagyi Ucca	Strada V.I. Lenin
Lonyay Janos Ucca	Calea Republicei
Magyar Ucca	Strada Desportatilor
Rakoczy Ut	Strada Bogdan Voda
Tokoly Ut	Strada Dragos Voda
Rozsa Ucca	Strada Gheorghe
Asztalos Sandor Ucca	Sincai
Timar Ucca	Strada 9 Mai
Hajnal Ucca	Strada Popa Lupu
Korhaz Ucca	Strada Spitalului
Honved Ucca	Strada 23 August
Szel Ucca	Strada 1 Mai
Sajto Ucca	Strada 30 Decembrie
Jokai Ucca	Strada Mihai Viteazul
Szinhaz Ucca	Strada Vasile Alecsandri
Vig Ucca	Strada Rosetti
Tanar Ucca	Strada Mihail Kogalniceanu
Pacsirta Ucca	Strada Gheorghe Cosbuc
Petofi Ucca	Strada Mihail Eminescu
Petofi Ucca (extension)	Strada Petofi
Kossuth Lajos Ucca	Strada Avram Iancu
Bandzsalgo Ucca	Strada I.C. Frimu
Szalavai Ucca	Strada Solovan
Nagy Gyar Ucca	Strada Horia
Felsokertalja Ucca	Strada Maxim Gorky
Iza Ucca	Strada Ion Ghica
Nagy Koz Ucca	Strada Ady Endre
Petofi Liget	Gradina Morii
Vardi Gabor Ucca	Strada Ilya Ehrenburg
Kigyo Ucca	Strada Tudor Vladimirescu
Torvenyszek Ucca	Strada I.G. Duca
Kisgyar Ucca	Strada Ilie Pintilie

7. In 1952, the wooden bridge which spanned the Tiza River was demolished and replaced by a concrete bridge 30 to 40 meters long by approximately 6 meters wide, which had no pavement for pedestrians. The old concrete bridge still spans the railway tracks.

8. Following are details of the town's public institutions:

a. The Party and U.T.M. district committees occupy a fine two-story building on Strada Ilya Ehrenburg, which was constructed by the Hungarians during 1940-1944 to house a kindergarten.

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b. The district council, income tax, district trade unions, and health department offices occupy the 120 meters long, two-story former Prefectura building, which stands between Piata Unirii, Strada I.V. Stalin and Strada V.I. Lenin.

c. The town council, the anti-aircraft Defense (AIA) H.Q. and the Association of Volunteers for Supporting the Defense of the Homeland (A.V.S.A.P.) occupy the former town hall, a large two-story building which stands on the corner of the Former Setater, in Piata Unirii.

d. The town and district court, the general prosecution, the state notary and the office of the legal aid collective occupy the old court-house on the corner of Strada Bogdan Voda, on Strada I.G. Duca.

e. Immediately after the above-mentioned court-house, a prison for criminals serving sentences up to life imprisonment stretches over an area reaching to Strada Gheorghe Sincai.

f. The militia occupies a 20 by 20 meter single-story building at Nos. 10 or 12, Strada Mihai Viteazul, which was constructed by the Hungarians during World War II, to house the offices of the forestry authorities.

g. The Securitate occupies an identical building next door to the Militia, which was also constructed by the Hungarians during World War II.

h. The post and telegraph office and the telephone exchange occupy the old two-story building on Strada Bogdan Voda. Sighet has a three-figure semi-automatic telephone exchange.

9. Following are details of the town's banks:

a. The State and Agricultural Banks occupy the three-story former National Bank building on Strada Republicei.

b. The Investments Bank is located on the ground floor of a two-story building on Strada I.V. Stalin, which formerly housed a pastry shop. The second story is divided into private apartments.

c. The savings bank (CEC) occupies the ground floor of a two-story building in Piata Unirii. The second story of this building is also divided into private apartments.

10. Following are details of cinemas:

a. A 500-seat cinema occupies a former four-grade high school building which is located between Strada Bogdan Voda and Strada Deportatilor, in Piata Unirii. The building also houses the radio amplifier station.

b. A cinema, whose construction was completed in 1958, is located on the right-hand side of Strada Republicei, coming from the direction of the central railway station.

11. There is only one state hotel in Sighet. It occupies the two-story, 25-room former "Korona" hotel building, which is located on the corner of the former Korona Ucca, in Piata Unirii.

12. Following are military objectives in Sighet:

a. The fire brigade occupies a three-story building, 40 meters long which was constructed by the Hungarians during World War II on the right-hand side of Strada Bogdan Voda, coming from the direction of the town center.

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b. The military commissariat occupies a single-story building, which stands on the corner of Strada Ion Ghica, on Strada Gheorghe Sincai.

c. The Frontier Guard company barracks occupies a two-story building 25 by 20 meters in size on the left-hand side of Strada Dragos Voda, coming from the town center.

d. The garrison headquarters occupies the former infantry barracks located by the small railway station on Strada Dragos Voda.

13. Following are schools:

a. A boys' high school occupies a three-story building on the corner of the former Iskola Ucca, on Strada Mihai Viteazul.

b. A teachers' training college occupies the former girls high school building in Piata Unirii.

14. Industrial plants in Sighet include the following:

a. An old power station is located on the left-hand side of Strada 23 August, coming from the town center. Its equipment is quite obsolescent and it has a poor output.

b. In 1958, the construction was completed of a hydro-electric power station, which is located at the end of Strada Dragos Voda, on the right-hand side of the road coming from the town center. Since this station went into operation, the town has had 220 volts A.C., as opposed to the former 110 volts current and there have been no shortages or failures in the electricity supply.

c. The former salt grinding plant (Somalon) is now a large box, barrel and furniture factory, which belongs to the local council. The factory employs some 400 workers in two shifts.

d. The "Forestiera" sawmill still stands on its former site, on the banks of the Tisa River.

e. A brush factory, which employs approximately 400 workers in two shifts, is located on the corner of Strada Avram Iancu, on Strada Spitalului.

f. The "Unitatea" woolen goods factory (sweaters, etc.), which employs approximately 500 workers in three shifts, occupies the area between the former Iskola Ucca and Setater, Strada Mihai Viteazul and Piata Unirii.

g. The "30 Decembrie" shoemakers' cooperative, which has some 150 members, is located on the corner of Strada I.G. Duca, on Strada Bogdan Voda.

h. A furniture factory, which employs between 350 - 400 workers in two shifts, is located in Strada Ilie Pintilie.

15. Following are medical institutions in Sighet:

a. The state hospital occupies a number of buildings on the corner of Strada Avram Iancu on Strada Spitalului. Comprising some 700 beds, the hospital includes internal diseases, surgical, gynaecological, maternity, neurological, ear, nose, and throat, infectious diseases, eye and tuberculosis wards.

b. The children's hospital occupies the former "Sport" Hotel, which was constructed by the Hungarians during World War II on the banks of the Tisa River, near Gradina Morii.

c. The town clinic occupies a three-story building, which was also constructed by the Hungarians during World War II on the corner of Strada Republicei, on Strada Spitalului. Until 1954, the building was occupied by the Militia.

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d. The blood bank, which is located at 35 Strada Gheorghe Sincai, occupies a three-story building, 25 by 20 meters in size, which was constructed during World War II, when it housed a mother and child care center.

16. Following are details of public transport facilities:

a. The Rata bus station occupies the former "Panonia" Hotel building, next to the central railway station.

b. Sighet has the following two internal bus routes:

1) From the railway station to the "Comlemn" Plant and back, via Strada Republicei, Strada V.I. Lenin, Piata Unirii, Strada Bogdan Voda and Strada Dragos Voda.

2) From the railway station to Vad Village, via Strada Republicei, Strada V.I. Lenin and Strada Bogdan Voda. On its return journey the bus travels the same route to Strada Bogdan Voda and then continues via Strada I.V. Stalin and Strada Avram Ianuc to the Iza river bridge.

c. Following are interurban buses:

1) Sighet - Bais Mare (twice daily).

2) Sighet - Satu Mare (twice daily).

3) Sighet - Petrova (twice daily).

17. The leading officials in Sighet are:

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a. MOIS, Ioan: [redacted] First secretary of the district Party committee since 1957, [redacted]

b. MURESANU, fnu: [redacted] Second secretary of the provincial Party committee, [redacted]

c. MUNTEANU, Vasile: [redacted] President of the town council since late 1959 [redacted]

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1. PIATA UNIRII.
2. STRADA I.V. STALIN.
3. STRADA V.I. LENIN.
4. CALEA REPUBLICEI.
5. STRADA DEPORTATILOR.
6. STRADA BOGDAN VODA.
7. Omitted on the town plan.
8. STRADA GHEORGHE SINCAI.
9. STRADA 9 MAI.
10. STRADA POPA LUPU.
11. STRADA SPITALULUI
12. STRADA 23 AUGUST.
13. STRADA 1 MAI.
14. STRADA 30 DECEMBRIE.
15. STRADA MIHAI VITEAZUL.
16. STRADA VASILE ALECSANDRI.
17. STRADA ROSETTI.
18. STRADA MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU.

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19. STRADA GHEORGHE COSBUC.

20. STRADA MIHAIL EMINESCU.

21. STRADA PETOFI.

22. STRADA AVRAM IANCU.

23. STRADA I.C. FRIMU.

24. STRADA SOLOVAN.

25. STRADA HORIA.

26. STRADA MAXIM GORKY.

27. STRADA ION GHICA.

28. STRADA ADY ENDRE.

29. Bridge over the River IZA.

30. Bridge over the railway tracks.

31. CAMARA-SIGHET railway station for transferring freight from broad- to standard-gauge trains and vice-versa, and timber stores.

32. "COMLEMN" box, barrel and furniture factory.

33. "FORESTIERA" sawmill.

34. Brush factory.

35. "UNITATEA" woollen goods factory.

36. "DESERVIRE" tailors cooperative.

37. "30 DECEMBRIE" shoemakers' cooperative.

38. Central railway station.

39. Furniture factory.

40. State hospital.

41. Children's hospital.

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42. GRADINA MORII.

43. Clinic.

44. Blood bank.

45. SANEPID department and hygiene laboratories.

46. Militia.

47. SECURITATE

48. District council (SFATUL POPULAR RAIONAL), income tax, district trade unions and health department offices.

49. Town council (SFATUL POPULAR ORASENESC), A.A. Defence (ALA) H.Q. and A.V.S.A.P.

50. Town and district court, general prosecution, stte notary and legal aid collective office.

51. Prison.

52. Town and district Party and U.T.M. committees.

53. STRADA ILYA EHRENBURG.

54. STRADA TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU.

55. Post and telegraph offices and telephone exchange.

56. State cinema and radio amplifier station.

57. Additional cinema.

58. State and agricultural banks.

59. Investments bank.

60. Savings bank (CEC).

61. Hotel.

62. STRADA I.G. DUCA.

63. Fire brigade.



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64. Military commissariat.

65. Frontier Guard barracks.

66. STRADA DRAGOS VODA.

67. Small railway station.

68. Garrison H.Q.

69. Boys' high school.

70. Teachers' training college.

71 Slaughter house.

72. STRADA TISEI.

73. STRADA ILIE PINTILIE.

74. Old power station.

75. New hydro-electric power station.

76. Rata bus station.

76A. Reformed church.

77. Roman-Catholic Church.

78. Orthodox Church (formerly Greek-Catholic).

79. ?

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81. Reformed Church cemetery.

82. Rumanian cemetery.

83. Roman-Catholic Cemetery.

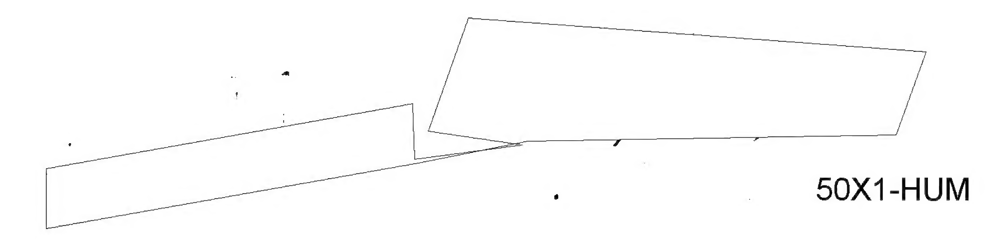
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87. River IZA.

88. River TISA.

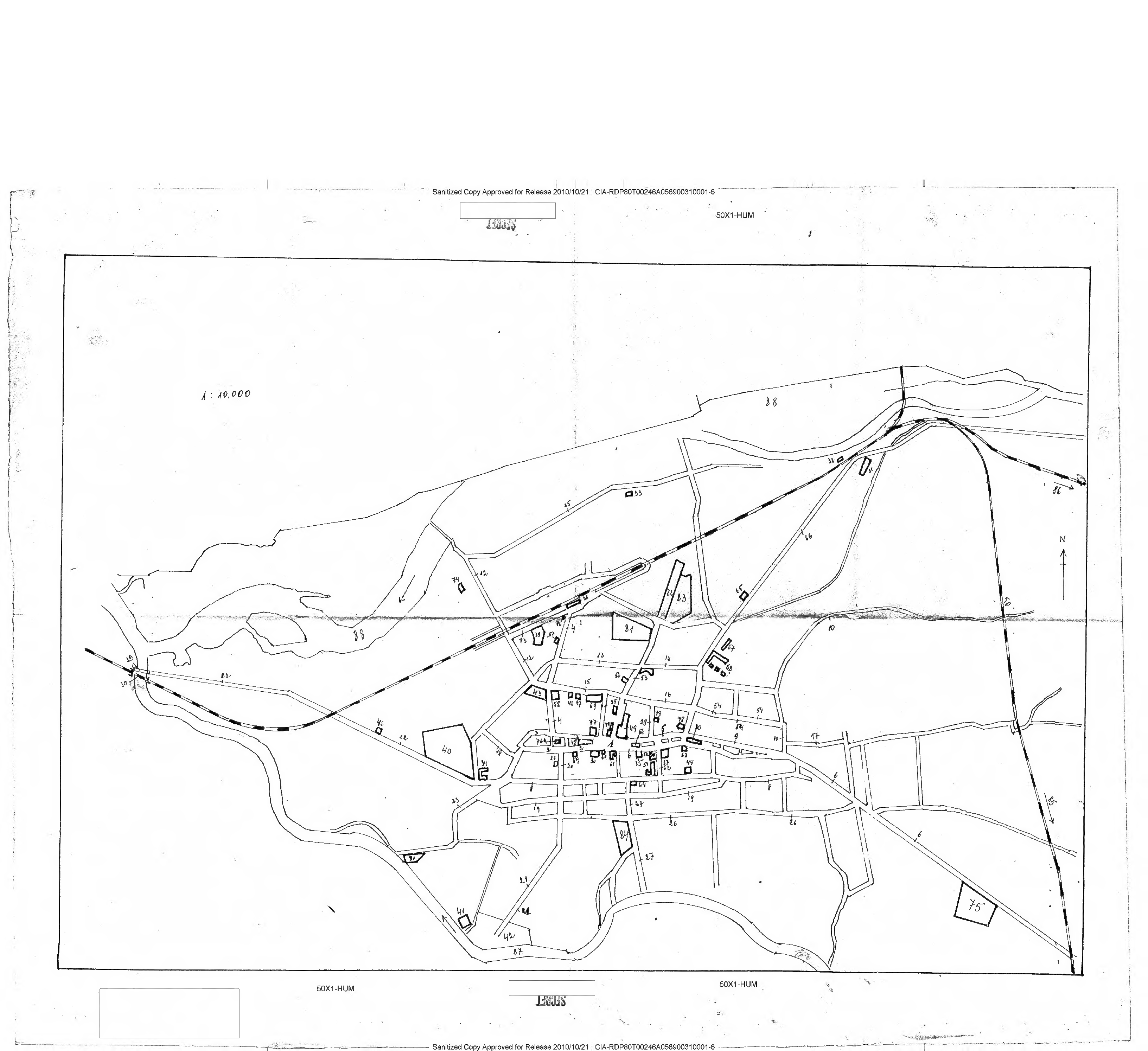


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